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### **Deputy Mission Director Dr. Jeffrey Ashley**



Dr. Jeffrey Ashley is a Senior Foreign Service Officer with USAID and holds the rank of Counselor. In May 2011, he began his current assignment as the Senior Deputy Mission Director for USAID in Afghanistan, USAID's largest mission in the world.

Prior to his current assignment, he was the Mission Director in Yemen, a position that he began in May 2009. As the Mission Director, he managed a portfolio of more than \$200 million that focused on stabilization and counter-extremism goals. He closely coordinated all USAID programs with the interagency and the U.S. Military Special Operations Command/Central Command at post.

From February 2008 to March 2009, Dr. Ashley served as the USAID representative on the Kirkuk Provincial Reconstruction Team in Iraq, where he managed the implementation of a large portfolio of reconstruction, governance, economic development, agriculture, and rule of law projects with multiple U.S. Government agencies.

Dr. Ashley joined USAID as a Foreign Service Officer in February 1995. His other notable assignments include the Director of the Office of Basic Human Services, USAID/Indonesia from May 2007 to January 2008; Director of the Office of Regional Health and HIV/AIDS Programs at USAID/East Africa from March 2003 to 2007; and posts as Director of Projects, USAID/Angola; Chief of the PHN Office, USAID/Cambodia and Mekong Countries; and PHN Officer in USAID/Tanzania.

Dr. Ashley has more than 20 years of public health and general development experience in maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS, infectious diseases, economic growth, agriculture, democracy and governance, food aid, transition and humanitarian assistance. He has also served on humanitarian aid missions with non-governmental organizations in Latin America and Africa and as a Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay.

Dr. Ashley is specialized in public health and science with sub-specializations in epidemiology, maternal and child health, international health, and infectious diseases from the University of Texas, Texas Medical Center School of Public Health. He also has post-doctoral training in psychiatric epidemiology and conducted psychiatric epidemiological research during a joint appointment at the University of Texas School of Public Health and School of Medicine in Houston.

Dr. Ashley is fluent in Spanish, Portuguese, and Kiswahili and has knowledge of spoken German, Guarani, Khmer, Bahasa Indonesia, French, and Arabic.